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For: Process For Producing Polybutadiene Golf Ball Cores

Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before acting on the merits of this case, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Divisional Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date April 5, 2001 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number EL759963666US, addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, with the following paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of copending application no. 09/248,016, filed February 10, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel original claims 12 to 19 in the parent application.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (AMENDED) A golf ball preform manufactured by the method comprising:  
compounding a batch of golf ball core stock in a mixer;  
sheeting the batch of compounded golf ball core stock with a sheeter, the sheeter including an extruder portion having at least one screw; and  
shaping golf ball preforms from the sheeted batch of golf ball core stock.

**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Preliminary Amendment.

The specification has been amended to update the priority claim.

Original claims 12 to 19 of the parent application have been canceled. Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of original claim 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

A new paragraph has been inserted before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (AMENDED) A golf ball preform manufactured by the method [of claim 12] comprising:  
compounding a batch of golf ball core stock in a mixer;  
sheeting the batch of compounded golf ball core stock with a sheeter, the sheeter  
including an extruder portion having at least one screw; and  
shaping golf ball preforms from the sheeted batch of golf ball core stock.